

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): An ultraviolet-curable composition used for a protective film in an optical recording medium having

(a) a recording layer or data recording pits,
(b) a reflective film comprised of Ag or an alloy having Ag as its main component, and
(c) a protective film comprised of a cured film of ~~an~~ the ultraviolet-curable composition, deposited in that order, on a substrate,
wherein the pH value of a 1 wt% methanol solution of the ultraviolet-curable composition is within the range of 4.5 to 6.8.

[Claims 6-8 (canceled)]

Claim 9 (currently amended): An optical recording medium, comprising ~~the~~ a protective film ~~of claim 8~~ formed by curing the ultraviolet-curable composition of claim 5.